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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Places Mr. C. Ramaswamy, B.A., Registrar, General and Revenue Secretariat, on Special Duty in connection with the arrangements for Indian Guests during Birthday Festivities in July 1947.

ORDER C. O. 6294-6305—O.E. 10-46-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD JUNE 1947.

Mr. C. Ramaswamy, B.A., Registrar, General and Revenue Secretariat, is placed on Special Duty in connection with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Indian Guests during the Festivities connected with the Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja in July 1947.

2. Gentlemen invited to Mysore as Guests are requested to place themselves in communication with that Officer for any information or assistance they may require by way of accommodation, etc., at Mysore.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, the Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Light and the Assistant Engineer, Headquarter Range, Mysore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the officer on Special Duty.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, *Chief Secy.*

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Issues orders on the Prohibition Committee Report.

READ—

Government Order No. S. R. 2246-66—Ex. 37-46-3, dated 4th December 1946, constituting a Committee to examine the question of introducing prohibition in the State.

2. Government Order No. S. R. 2230-43—Ex. 38-46-3, dated 4th December 1946, introducing total prohibition in Molakalmuru and Pavagada Taluks of Chitaldrug and Tumkur Districts respectively.

3. Letter No. P. C. O. 463-46, dated 17—19th May 1947, from the Chairman, Prohibition Committee, forwarding the Committee's Report.

ORDER No. S. R. 4638-67—Ex. 37-46-27, DATED BANGALORE, THE 17TH JUNE 1947.

Government have perused with great interest the report submitted by the Committee. They observe that the report is unanimous. Among the terms of reference, the most important was to consider the feasibility of introducing total prohibition and if feasible, to investigate the steps to be taken for the purpose. After an exhaustive survey of the conditions prevailing in the State, the Committee has come to the conclusion that prohibition is feasible and necessary. The Committee considered alternative methods of achieving this objective, and has recommended for adoption in the State a policy of achieving total prohibition in a period of five years by effecting a reduction in the number of excise shops and in the supply of intoxicants all over the State at a progressive rate of 20 per cent every year. The Committee has also recommended that in order to prevent unhealthy

competition among contractors whose co-operation should be enlisted in the interest of prohibition that the system of disposing of excise shops by public auction might be discontinued.

Government are pleased to accept these unanimous recommendations of the Committee and are pleased to direct that the reduction in the number of excise shops and in the supply of intoxicants should be given effect to from the next year, *i.e.*, 1947-48. As regards disposal of excise privileges, Government are pleased to direct that for the next year (1947-48), the system of auction may be discontinued as recommended by the Committee, the present licensees being given the option to continue as such, on a rental 20 per cent less than that for the current year. The Excise Commissioner has been instructed to take steps to implement this decision.

The Committee has made important recommendations on certain matters which are ancillary to the introduction of prohibition. These matters are under examination separately.

Government wish to place on record their appreciation of the thoroughness and expedition with which the Committee has dealt with the several aspects of this important question. They wish to convey to the Chairman and the Members of the Committee their thanks for the very valuable report.

SYED ABDUL ALEEM, *Rev. Secy.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Nominates Messrs. Pallaghatti Adivappa, Merchant, Tiptur, and T. G. Thimme Gowda, M. R. A., Tiptur Taluk, to the Provisional Regulated Market Committee at Tiptur in certain vacancies.

READ—

Government Order No. A. F. 740-45—Medl. 5-43, dated 3rd August 1944, sanctioning the constitution of a Provisional Committee in connection with the establishment of a Regulated Market at Tiptur.

2. Letter No. M. D. H. 2—46-47, dated 23rd April 1947, from the Chief Marketing Officer, forwarding copies of letters, dated 4th March 1947 and 11th April 1947, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, and recommending in the circumstances explained that Messrs. Pallaghatti Adivappa, Merchant, Tiptur, and T. G. Thimme Gowda, M. R. A., Tiptur Taluk, may be nominated as members of the Provisional Regulated Market Committee at Tiptur in the two vacancies caused by the Election of Mr. G. K. Mallappa as President of the Town Municipal Council, Tiptur, and the demise of Mr. M. Siva Basappa.

ORDER NO. A. F. 6942-47—MART. 28-46-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH JUNE 1947.

The recommendation of the Chief Marketing Officer is sanctioned.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

FOOD SECRETARIAT

Passes orders revising the scale of Foodgrains Rations with effect from 25th June 1947.

READ—

G. O. No. S. D. 1663-73—R. 55-46-3, dated the 14th August 1946, revising the scale of rations throughout the State.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. B1.-C. 1740—46-47, dated the 16th June 1947, from the Director of Food Supplies proposing reduction in the overall cereal rations.

ORDER NO. S. D. 10565-76—R. 55-46-19, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST JUNE 1947.

The food situation in the State has been under the active consideration of Government and for the last few months the position as could be visualised during the period till the next harvest has been causing considerable anxiety. The heavy and untimely rains during the months of November and December last year which have caused considerable damage in several areas in otherwise normal harvest, especially in the case of millets, have affected the quantum of surpluses for procurement available within the State from surplus holders. The harvests were therefore later than normal and there has been consequent time lag in the commencement of the food acquisition operations.

2. The grant of a special bonus in addition to the purchase prices of foodgrains voluntarily surrendered by producers was sanctioned till the end of April in the first instance and then extended to the end of official year. The figures would have been even lower, if this step had not been taken.

3. The stocks at present of all foodgrains are also lower than what they were during the corresponding period of last year. In addition, the prospects of obtaining additional supplies from outside the State are very uncertain, and the All-India position is itself far from satisfactory. The general food position in other parts of India has forced the administrations concerned to have recourse to a cut in the scale of rations in their respective areas. Although the year 1946 was one of the worst years that the State ever faced, the situation was tided over as more or less adequate supplies were received from Indian and foreign sources. This year, apart from small quantities of rice and millets allotted early in the year, no further quotas have been allotted to the State by the Government of India. Even out of the quantities allotted, a large proportion has not come into the State for various causes. There have been no allotments of wheat in particular since November 1946. Also, there has been an acute shortage in pulses. It was hoped, however, that conditions would improve and more adequate supplies would be made available by the Government of India, during the last few months, but these hopes have not materialised. The prospects of obtaining immediate additional supplies from outside are as uncertain as ever. The stocks that could be procured from surplus holders in the State have been mostly procured leaving only a small balance. These factors have compelled the Government to take early measures to conserve the stocks, such as they are, and make them last as long as possible, a course which is all the more essential, since the next harvest procurement will not start earlier than January 1948 for paddy, and the end of February 1948 for ragi. The Government have, therefore, after careful consideration, decided to adopt measures similar to those taken in Travancore, Madras and Bengal. The Government therefore direct that the scale of rations be revised as under with effect from the 25th June 1947.—

Cardholders.	*Scale of rations per head per day.* Rice.	Millets.	Wheat.	Total.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
"A" Class ...	7·6	1·2	1·2	10
"B" Class ...	2·0	8·0	...	10
Heavy Manual Labour ...	2·0	12·0	...	14
Plantation Labour ...	7·6	2·4	...	10

(Children below eight years of age will be allowed half the above scale of rations).

K. SRINIVASAN, *Food Secy.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the Post of an Additional Assistant Secretary to the Insurance Department.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 1822-23—G. F. 64-43-4, dated the 4th November 1943, according sanction for dividing the State into three Divisions for organising the field work of the Insurance Department.

2. Letter No. 2361, dated the 22nd February 1947, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Insurance Department, requesting sanction for the creation of an additional post of an Assistant Secretary on Rs. 200—40/2—400 to the Insurance Department, on a permanent basis for the charge of the Bangalore Division.

ORDER NO. FL. 8775-77—G. F. 295-46-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH JUNE 1947.

The entire State is at present divided into three divisions for organising the Field Work of the Insurance Department with Headquarters at Mysore, Shimoga and Bangalore. The Mysore and Shimoga Divisions are placed in charge of the Gazetted Officers and the Bangalore Division is placed under the control of the Deputy Secretary and he has been given the assistance of a Superintendent of the Insurance Department for attending to the organising work. Even though a